

MISS PAGE'S MAID

AMY ROBERTS.

WARNED



HER OF DANGER

Amy Roberts, the Last Known Person to See Woman Alive, Had a Premonition of Something Happening, and Tells Police How She Asked Her Mistress to Keep the Doors Locked—Accounts Satisfactorily for All the Time She was Away From Home—A Clue That Failed.

THAT AMY ROBERTS, THE LAST KNOWN PERSON TO SEE MABEL PAGE ALIVE, HAD A PREMONITION THAT SOME GREAT DANGER THREATENED HER, WAS LEARNED THIS AFTERNOON WHEN THE MAID TOLD IN DETAIL TO THE POLICE, IN RESPONSE TO THEIR QUESTIONS, ALL THE INCIDENTS CONNECTED WITH HER MOVEMENTS THE DAY OF THE TRAGEDY. JUST BEFORE SHE LEFT THE HOUSE TO VISIT FRIENDS IN CAMBRIDGE, THE MAID SAID, SHE WARNED MISS PAGE TO KEEP THE DOORS LOCKED BECAUSE SHE HAD SEEN STRANGE MEN IN THE NEIGHBORHOOD.

Chief of Police Vittum, after an interview with Amy Roberts, said that she had accounted satisfactorily to him for all her movements on the day of the murder. He said that he had investigated the maid's story and found it true in every particular.

To a reporter of the AMERICAN the maid told the story of the last time she saw Miss Page alive and the conversation that passed between them.

WAS IN HER USUAL SPIRITS.

"Miss Page arose from her bed the day of the murder," said the woman, "about 7:30 o'clock. She was feeling as well as common, and she came into the kitchen and helped me with the breakfast, and after that she assisted me with the other work."

"It had always been her custom to help me with the housework, for she liked to do it. She had been asking me to take a day off and visit some friends in Cambridge whom I wished to see, and I told her I would go that day. She replied: 'Very well, Amy.'"

"It was about 11:30 o'clock when anything about the shock when I left the house, and at that time Miss Page had finished feeding the chickens in the barnyard and was going back to the house."

HADN'T AN ENEMY.

"I am completely at a loss to know why Miss Page was murdered. She had not an enemy in the world that I ever heard of."

"WE NEVER QUARRELED AND SHE NEVER SAID AN UNKIND WORD TO ME. SHE AND HER FATHER AND BROTHER WERE ALL THE WORLD TO ONE ANOTHER AND THEY WERE AN HAPPY AS COULD BE."

"Mabel spent most of her time in taking care of her aged father since the death of her mother. She was perfectly devoted to him and also to her brother."

WAVE OF MURDEROUS LUNACY?

IS A WAVE OF HOMICIDAL INSANITY SWEEPING OVER NEW ENGLAND?

Within a week three murders have been committed without evident motive, and in each case lunacy is suspected on the part of the perpetrator. Here are the cases:

March 27—Frank Brown and wife shot and killed in Holliston. Willis H. Wilson, stepson, an epileptic, arrested on suspicion.

March 27—Parker Dexter, eleven years old, shot in Randolph. Harriet Dexter, his brother, wife of a man of crime.

March 31—Mabel Page stabbed to death in Weston. No arrest. No clue. Murder suspected.

April 2—William Stark, escaped inmate, returned to Worcester Asylum after sending threatening letters to Governor Bates and other State officers.

HOW THE KEY WAS HIDDEN. It was the custom for Miss Page, the maid says, to lock all outer doors of the house while she was alone at home, and on Thursday the Roberts woman distinctly heard Mabel throw the bolt of the front door on the inside. There being no lock on this door, it was customary for Miss Page, when leaving the house, to hide the key to the back door in the hall.

Mr. Page used to look for it there when he came home and found his daughter absent.

Amy Roberts is about thirty-five years old. Though she seems sorry, from her account, that she was not able to find the key, she was not afraid to stay



LIVELY CHASE OF THIEF IN CITY'S HEART

Scores Join in Pursuit—Fugitive Found in Hiding in a Building. ROBBERED MAN OF WATCH

Bankers, brokers, merchants, restaurateurs, messenger boys, politicians and scores of citizens in every walk of life joined in a chase in the financial district today. It was exciting from the start, and while everybody shouted himself hoarse the fugitive eluded his pursuers his long coat was as good as the winning lot in a race. He was finally captured by a detective in the building at State and Devon streets.

THE WEATHER

Very much cooler tonight and Sunday. Frost about New England. Windy north to northwest winds, becoming high Sunday.

THREATENED TO EVICT U. S. DIST.-ATTY ALLEN

PARK COMMISSION TIRED OF LONG DISPUTE FOR POSSESSION OF THIS HOUSE.

Probably one of the maddest men in New England today is U. S. District Attorney Frank D. Allen, of Lynn, who is candidate for the congressional nomination in the Seventh District. The Metropolitan Park Commission has threatened to throw his furniture out into the street if he does not move at once.

Some time ago the Commission constructed a house along the North Shore, and among the property taken was that of Mr. Allen.

Mr. Allen was away from home for some time, and upon his return found that the Commission had taken this course of evicting him. He is furious over the threat to throw his belongings into the street.

PAPER MILLS SOLD.

BALTIMORE, N. Y., April 2.—The Town Paper Mill at Mechanicville, the largest in the State, has been sold to the West Virginia Paper and Pulp Company.

PNEUMONIA IN NEW YORK. ALBANY, April 2.—There were 182 deaths from pneumonia in New York State during the month of March, out of a total of 12,700 deaths from all causes.

MARQUIS KILLS SELF FOR LOVE FORTUNE SEEKS MAINE WOMAN

PARIS, April 2.—A Naples telegram announces that the Marquis de Sade, third son of the Duke de Sade, committed suicide by shooting, today, because of the objection of his parents to his marriage with a girl of distinguished family.

CONGRESSMAN GARDNER TO SAVE COMPANY

Congressman A. P. Gardner, who was once its commander, has come to the front to save Company E, Eighth Infantry, N. Y., a fortune. Mrs. George W. Lewis of Richmond Island, whose initials are "H. A.," and who has a brother in the West, it is thought, may be the person.

Also trying to revive interest in enlisting.

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SCENES AND INCIDENTS IN THE WESTON MURDER MYSTERY

Police Handicapped by Examiner's Delay



In the upper left-hand corner of the picture appears a portrait of Miss Mabel Page, the slain woman, drawn by a BOSTON AMERICAN artist from a description furnished by Edward Page, her father. A knife like the one with which it is supposed the crime was committed also shown. In the lower right-hand corner is a diagram illustrating where the principal wounds on the body were made.



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more than a creek of blood in all was found on the floor, most of which came from the cuts in the neck. The stab in the back would cause a little bleeding.

The deep cut in the stomach, however, showed the murderer's skill. It split it was. The wound was inflicted on a highly sensitive organ, and the result was a large quantity of blood oozing out of the wound.

"It is my belief that the murderer knew what would happen when the stomach was cut where it was, and that the deep thrust would be fatal. The precise landing into the abdomen allowed the murderer to then cut the throat. When the first blood was left in the print, and as for him to escape with little or none of the bloodstains upon his body or clothes."

"Of course, this is only my personal opinion. It may be that the murderer was a clever, uneducated brute, a man of no knowledge of these things, but I very much doubt it."

In considering the theory that a woman struck the blow the police reason as follows:

The Weston house is an old house and the windows within when not open seem to be in a profound rest. The effect of noise is heard. Old country houses usually have creaky stairs, no matter how well carpeted. It is possible, the police add, that the murderer was a woman, and that Miss Page would not have been the one to strike the blow.

The assassin went to the house and told the woman that the Massachusetts General Hospital was a good place for her. He told her to go to the hospital and that he would come back for her. He told her to go to the hospital and that he would come back for her. He told her to go to the hospital and that he would come back for her.

to a house to dress for the street, might have asked the visitor, if a woman, to her chamber while she changed her gown.

Today the aged father, were cut by his constant efforts to throw some light on the tragedy, was in a state of nervous collapse, but he bore up bravely, and declared as would not give in until the murderer of his daughter was arrested.

"Why should Mabel be murdered?" he asked repeatedly. "What did she ever do to warrant that? It is more than I can tell, and I can only trust that God will set the murderer on the right track and bring him to justice."

ALL ASK ONE QUESTION.

And the whole family is asking the same question.

"Why was she murdered?"

Miss Page had no enemies. "She was the most lovable woman I ever knew," says her step-mother, Mrs. M. J. Page, of the 430 State street.

"And Mabel had no love affair," says her father, Mr. E. Page, of the 430 State street.

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Was the murder, then, the work of an Italian? Nobody in Weston saw an Italian, at any time before the murder. But, Weston and when they do see in their appearance the fact because known very well.

The woman was unarmored, but she was not unarmed. She was armed with a knife, and she was armed with a knife.

ALL EQUALLY IN THE DARK.

The detectives have talked with Edward Page, Mr. Page's brother, the man, and Amy Roberts, the maid, but not one of them has been able to furnish any clue. The woman who was killed was not a stranger to the family. She was a woman who was known to the family.

WORE ONLY A HOUSE GOWN.

When Miss Roberts left the house the night of the murder, she was wearing a house gown. She was wearing a house gown. She was wearing a house gown.

WAS CONTENTED WOMAN.

As far as can be learned, the woman was a contented woman. She was a contented woman. She was a contented woman.

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It was not Medical Examiner Mead, but the police who were handicapped in the body wounds on the victim. After the examiner's inspection Thursday afternoon he went away, leaving orders to lay the body out, and giving explicit directions to the police.

The undertaker, in laying the body out, discovered the body wounds, which clearly showed a struggle. He immediately went to Dr. Mead, and asked him to come to Weston. Dr. Mead, according to Constable MacTee, of Weston, refused to come to Weston. As nothing could be done until the medical examiner, who was to be called by telephone from the AMERICAN, arrived, the police were greatly handicapped and played a hopeless game of waiting for the undertaker to get away.

Did Not Tell of New Wounds.

Dr. Mead says in defense of his course, that after leaving the body, he gave strict orders to the undertaker not to do more than lay it out, and told the father that he would return in the morning for the autopsy. He admitted that a Watertown policeman had called at his home some time Thursday night and told him he was wanted in Weston. But he says the man, told him nothing of the new wounds found in the body, and that he did not feel that it was necessary to acquaint Weston with the night.

At 8:30 Friday morning, in answer to an inquiry by telephone from the AMERICAN, Dr. Mead said that he had nothing to say to Newton that he had nothing to say to Newton that he had nothing to say to Newton.

"I shall have something to give out until I have an autopsy," said the doctor. "When will you hold them?"

"I should say about 11 o'clock tomorrow," replied the doctor.

This would have been fully twenty-four hours after the crime was committed, and would, therefore, have given the murderer that much start before the medical examiner had started the police machinery in motion for his capture.

Only Heard Unofficially.

Meanwhile, Chief of Police Vittum of Weston had heard of the case only through the unofficial notice of the undertaker's assistant.

The police blame Dr. Mead for not making a more minute examination of the body when he was called to the house, and responding to the night call to return and verify the discoveries of the undertaker, and delay in notifying the police.

In answer to inquiries about the case, Dr. Mead said he did not think it would be proper to say anything about it for publication until he had had his report with the district attorney. He said this report would be filed in a day or two.

murderer aware of the exact situation, he would have been able to find out the day of light has been shed on the deep mystery which has been the cause of the night and after committing the crime satisfied that it would be a day or two.

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Theories Multiply, Page Mystery Grows Deeper

Aroused as they never have been before, the people of Weston are in a state of the greatest excitement over the most mysterious crime known in Massachusetts for years.

Theory upon theory is advanced, but as not the slightest clue was left by the perpetrator of the crime. The mystery is as far from being unravelled as it was when the dead was first discovered.

WOMAN THEORY ADVANCED.

Was Mabel Page murdered by a woman? The police today are considering this view of the great mystery very seriously.

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made by her to tear the weapon from the slayer's grasp.

When the tragedy was ended, the father believed the assassin carefully laid out the victim's body and arranged her clothing and hair.

Dr. H. B. Frost, the physician who first saw the body of murdered Mabel Page, and who made a thorough examination of the wounds, does not believe it was a woman.

ALL SKILLFULLY PLANNED.

The murder of Miss Page was, I believe, the work of either a woman or a man. It was a carefully planned murder. It was a carefully planned murder.

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SPECIAL NOTICE.

Was the assassin familiar with Weston, the Page family and the people of the town?

He selected a day when the maid was out. It was the day when the father went to the city to make Easter preparations. The schoolhouse directly opposite the Page house was closed. The father was alone.

He knew only one person, and was the man who was the assassin.

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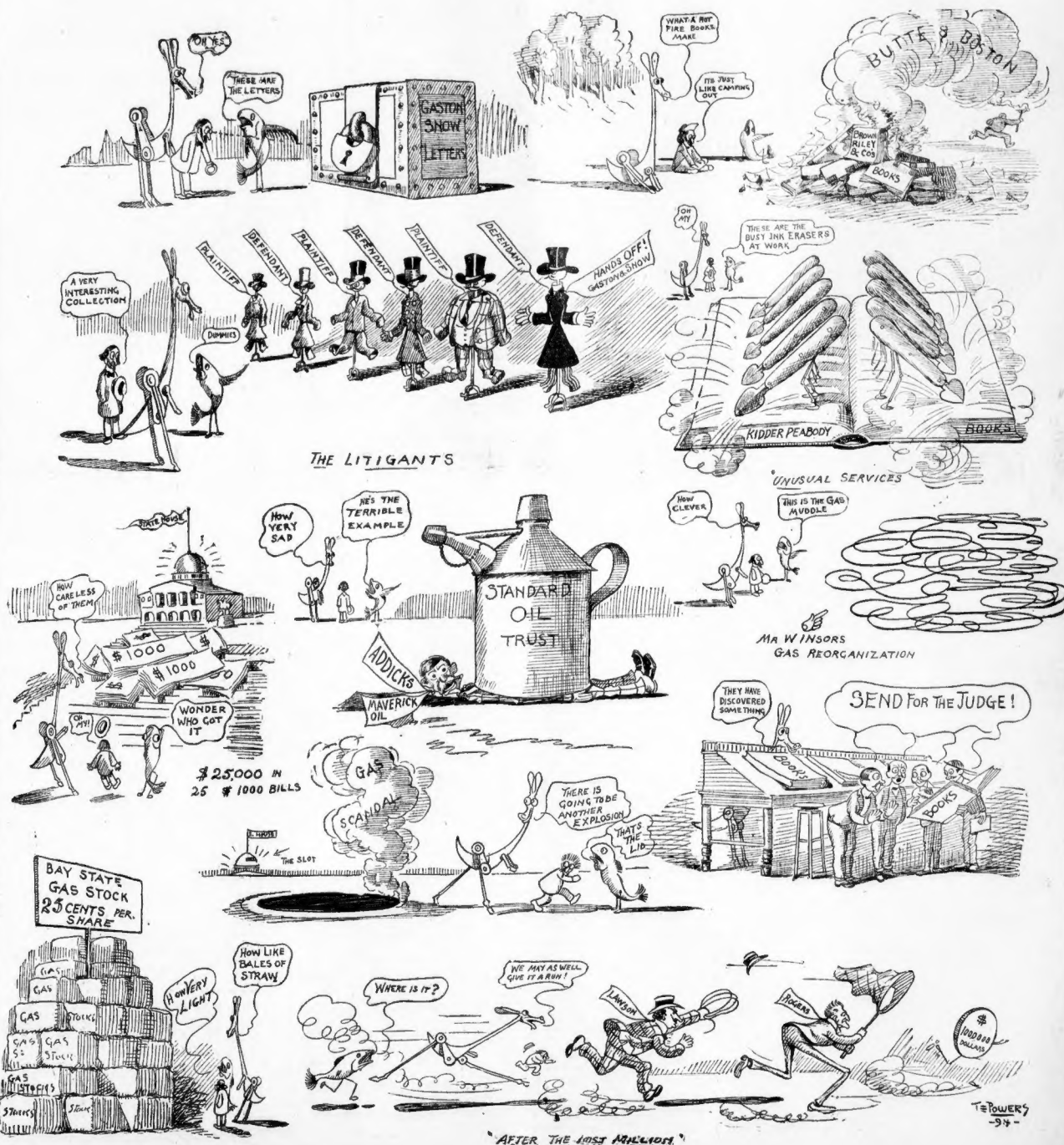
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MYSTERIES OF BOSTON!

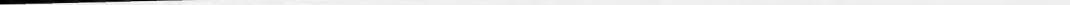
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**WOMAN PASSES
AWAY AT 101**

PAKERS. All members of Union # 4, Incorporated, to attend a meeting Sunday April 8, at 9:00 o'clock, at Turn Hall, 2101 St. of Boston.

BOSTON SUNDAY AMERICAN—TOMORROW—5 CENTS EVERYWHERE
 FULL OF INTERESTING FEATURES OF THE NEWS





ALL THE NEWS FROM EVERYWHERE

Of the 1762 Chinese in Massachusetts, 700 are in the most populous city of the State, that between 30 and 50 years. There are but 24 under 20 years of age and only seven over 60 years. This means that the 35.75 per cent are of working age.

But few Chinese have been educated. The Chinese majority of their nationality. Most of them stand out in marked contrast with their surroundings in the State. In 1900 there were eleven Chinese in the State, this being an increase of 211 per cent over 1890. In 1901 the Chinese population was 1,000, an increase of 100 per cent over 1890. In 1902 the Chinese population was 1,200, an increase of 20 per cent over 1901. In 1903 the Chinese population was 1,400, an increase of 16.6 per cent over 1902. In 1904 the Chinese population was 1,762, an increase of 25.8 per cent over 1903.

THE BOSTON AMERICAN asks the workmen of Boston to contribute to the support of the Labor Editor of this newspaper at any time they may have suggestions to make that will help the cause of the working men, or at any time that errors creep into the paper. This department is in print to **HELP WORKINGMEN**, and give a truthful view of their position. The **AMERICAN** is particularly desirous that the **WORKINGMEN THEMSELVES** should help to make this department what it ought to be. Secretaries or business agents of all unions in Boston and vicinity are requested to send details as to meetings and time of unions, with names and titles of officers.

GIRLS RUIN EYES IN WORK SOON LOST

It is estimated that in the city of Boston, there are 1,000 girls who are employed in the garment industry. These girls are working in the garment industry, and are ruining their eyes. The girls are working in the garment industry, and are ruining their eyes. The girls are working in the garment industry, and are ruining their eyes.

Bright White Flame of Gas Lamp Mantle Destroys Their Sight.

Sitting at a bench all day long, some of the girls in the garment industry are ruining their eyes. The girls are working in the garment industry, and are ruining their eyes. The girls are working in the garment industry, and are ruining their eyes.

BAKER IN PUBLIC EYE AGAIN.

George J. Baker, the whitey abolitionist "Divine John" during the anti-slavery era, has again come into public notice. He is now in the city of Boston, and is working in the garment industry. He is now in the city of Boston, and is working in the garment industry.

MCNEIL OPPOSES STRIKES.

John McNeil, president of the Brotherhood of Boiler Makers and Iron Shipbuilders, has expressed his opposition to strikes. He is now in the city of Boston, and is working in the garment industry. He is now in the city of Boston, and is working in the garment industry.

TALKS FOR TELEGRAPHERS.

At every meeting of Boston of the Metropolitan Telegraphers' Union, there is a talk by the president. He is now in the city of Boston, and is working in the garment industry. He is now in the city of Boston, and is working in the garment industry.

TEXT OF BRAKEMAN'S BILL.

The Bostonian of Boston has published the following text of Brakeman's Bill. It is now in the city of Boston, and is working in the garment industry. It is now in the city of Boston, and is working in the garment industry.

BRIEF LABOR NOTES.

At the beginning of the eighth century, the laborers of Boston were in a state of distress. They were in the city of Boston, and were working in the garment industry. They were in the city of Boston, and were working in the garment industry.

PAWKTUCKET, R. I., April 2.— The Democratic campaign will be closed by the Hearst forces with a series of big rallies. The Democratic campaign will be closed by the Hearst forces with a series of big rallies.

TOO MANY LAWYERS PASSED.

Our State Legislators are turning out laws by the thousand—larger and larger each year. In the State of Massachusetts, there are too many lawyers passed. In the State of Massachusetts, there are too many lawyers passed.

COTTON BROOKS NO RIVAL.

Stalling show that cotton is no rival of the wool. The cotton is no rival of the wool. The cotton is no rival of the wool. The cotton is no rival of the wool.

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LAWSON SAYS ROGERS GAS DEAL PROBABLY HAS FAILED

Mr. Murphy Says Convention Will Not Instruct for Judge Parker.

TAMMANY AGAINST PLAN.

Copper King Says Public Has Only Had Peep Under Gas Lid.

Predicts Revelations That Will Put Shipbuilding Smash in Shade.

A LAWSON PREDICTION.

In my opinion, starting with yesterday's first day in court, the public will be privileged to witness a series of flashlight pictures, to which for flashlighting generally the United States Shipbuilding fandango will look like a mid-night silhouette.

THOMAS W. LAWSON.

Thomas W. Lawson, in a letter to the BOSTON AMERICAN today on the situation, under the astounding statement that in the deal wherein he is indicted by H. H. Rogers, the Standard Oil magnate and a member of Rogers' party, the public will be privileged to witness a series of flashlight pictures, to which for flashlighting generally the United States Shipbuilding fandango will look like a mid-night silhouette.

WORSE REVELATIONS TO COME.

The press at once returned my call to mean that at the trial of the gas case, there would be startling revelations. I have been thinking of this for some time, and I have been thinking of this for some time. I have been thinking of this for some time, and I have been thinking of this for some time.

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Matthew Cavanaugh Pleads to Give Men One Day in Five in Bay State.

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BOSTON AMERICAN BY ITS CORPS OF EXPERTS

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"HE COULD NOT PENETRATE MY GUARD."



IN THE EIGHTH ROUND I GREW SO DISGUSTED I DROPPED MY HANDS AND ALLOWED BRITT TO HIT ME ALL THE WANTED YET HE COULD NOT HURT ME

By the Timekeeper.

While most horsemen are busy trying to figure out the winner of the M. & M. Stakes at Detroit this year, down at Cleveland's Belmont Park, the winner of this big race next year (1960) is already known.

Left: Roy, the son of Patron and Jeanette, is a leading contender for the 1960 race. In 1962, is the horse the Ohio folk call "The Kid." The colt was born in 1954. This colt was trained separately in 2½ hrs. a day, and, as a result, is said to have developed into a fair good horse.

champion, Arthur "Cripps" Williams, 24, of Philadelphia, who has won this side of the pond with 24 victories in 34 fights. The Quaker middle-weight, in a six-round bout in Philadelphia, April 8.

YEARS TO MEET PANT.

Manager Ed Haley wrote: Kid Burns of Marblehead would like to meet Kid McElrath in 10 or 12 rounds, before any of the outdoor season.

Lost Vitality

Drains, nervous debility, undeveloped or-
gans, varicose veins, prostrated
discharge, loss
gauche, blood
troubles and
pelvic regions
under the
most binding

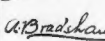


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WHITE LEGHORN AND ROSES



Toy = Land.

NID how do you get to Toy-land?
 Just to make people the joy-land?
 And go on your nose,
 And go on tip-toes,
 It's only a minute to Toy-land.

And bo! but it's gay in Toy-land,
 Fair bright, merry glad and boy-land,
 And boys and girls and little
 That never will bite
 You'll meet on the highways in Toy-land.

Society's fine in Toy-land,
 The dillies all think it a joy-land,
 And folks in the ark
 But get it after
 And the soldiers regulate Toy-land.

There's fun all the year in Toy-land,
 To stroll 'till you see a cog-land,
 And strangers are run

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 of the trousseau of the "1904" summer
 girl.

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 THE pet jewel of Her Majesty Queen
 Alexandra is an exquisite crown
 known as Queen Dagmar's crown. It is
 a perfect replica of one made for

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that David had thrown upon the table. There was menace in her quiet tone, determination in her words.

"I can defend my honor, and my mother if need be—at the cost of my life."

"Curse your hard-headedness! An lady

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IDENT.

all over so that I may see your eyes

tance from that gentle old gentleman, my father. Once more he started toward his chair, and I will strike," Margie raised the knife. My arm is as strong as my will, and my will is to kill you to end misery if you dare come one step near me. And I will kill you!"

"How can I go? The door is locked," Margie advanced a step, the knife me-
eting him.

"Where is the key?"

"In your pocket."

"Did you know that?"

"Because you know that the door
locked. I know it."

He hesitated and looked at the two women. He seemed to be measuring his strength with theirs.

"Hamilton Van Cragger!" The girls' ro-
ses were a new steel-like quality at which, again, Margie was amazed. "If you do not
unlock that door and leave us alone—
—by the God who made us both I will

[illegible]

CHAPTER XVII.
There Are Not Two Kinds of Humankind.
Clay.

"**G**OD bless you, my child! You have saved us both, yourself from the hands and men from death. Two victims need to kill me and rid him of your's only protection. But look to your door. Even now he may return." The man in the doorway in the door, it even as she did so the door was torn open and Violet Menro entered.

"What is it, my dear child? Realize, magnificent!" She swept the poor bare room with her boughy glance. "The traveler is so brave, he's flung that necklace upon me when I was alone, and now each by, which was quite aggressive. I should not care to have anyone know that I had done you, my dear child."

Margie turned to her mother. "Excuse us, dear, will you let me see this is the man who has been so kind to me?" Upon Mrs Maynard, Margie looked long and hard without speaking. At last she said:

"So the devil, your master, has sent you forth to-night."

"When you next see him you will find him a much chastened and humble person. At least I did my best to make him so."

"I am not at all cognizant of the methods of common people in any service whatever. Remember that you are a farmer's daughter, and I—people call me an aristocrat."

Margie proudly met the scornful gaze of

"It is not the accident of birth which makes people. There are not two kinds of clay in humanity, and the blackest man on earth may have the highest place in God's house not built with hands—at the end."

"You are showing your ill breeding at this moment. I call to see you and you act like a servant."

"You may be someone's servant before you die. The wheel of fortune is not set at our north for anyone. Your false, foolish pride may yet be humbled in the dust."

Violet Munroe's laugh was short and bitter. She said:

"Really, I don't suppose you ever heard of such a thing as caste."

"Oh, yes, I have. Caste is a line drawn by a set of people who have been more fortunate in attaining education."

"It is not safe to judge all persons by their actions." Violet turned fiercely upon Margie. "I have come to warn you that if you do not keep Mr. Van Truger away from this place the devil within me will drive me to kill you."

"Keep him away from me! Go ask the monster what sort of reception he got tonight! Have no fear! He is not likely to call again. He will find a warmer welcome among persons of your caste. And now I will say to you as I did to him—leave my house. I am only a farmer's daughter, my

Violet hesitated, looked at her with a smile in which hatred was mingled with relief, then gathered her train of silk and lace in her hand and left the room.

Margie, weary with the stormy events of the night and weak from hunger, sank upon her chair and buried her face in her hands. Quick steps on the stairs startled her, and an impatient hand tried to turn the knob. "It is I, David, Margie! Open the door."

"Hurrah! Hurrah!" David wildly embraced her, the while tossing his cap in the air. "Margie, the picture has been accepted, and we are rich."

"Yes, Margie; God bless him! It was Tom Anderson. His mine has made him rich." He raised his voice into joyful call.

"Mother! Mother!"

"Wait, Davie. You say it was Tom Anderson."

person. Dear old Tom! He does love me, brother, and God speed the day when, with innocence proven, I may become his wife."

"All will be well, sister! I know it here." The boy's beautiful face shone with a wondrous inner illumination as he placed

"Yes, David. Dear, dear, old mother. Go in and tell her yourself and in your own way. You will find a great change in her. The light has come back to her poor, clouded mind."

David dashed into the next room, and Margie smiled as she heard two happy voices answering and asking questions at the same time and amiably interrupting each other.

happy thoughts. Si and Prudence entered, looking strangely disturbed. Si carried a large basket heaped with vegetables. Prudence concealed something beneath her apron. They were followed by Ezekiel Smart, who glowed with triumph.

"Found et last! Fear-naught Zeka, the detective, has triumphed by this nite's work. I hev outdid Hemlock Holmes, en-

Si looked after him, chuckling.
(TO BE CONTINUED.)

Some Don't's for Girls.

becoming. If you do, don't draw it down over one eye till you acquire something of the aspect of a Howary girl. There is a happy medium in all things. Don't make a fright of yourself because it is "awell."

Don't, whatever you do, attempt the "kangaroo walk." In the first place, it is vulgar, and in the second place God does not fashion man after the lower animals. Hold up your heads, breathe the pure air of heaven, and let other imbeciles distort

their bodies and advance on the road to the refuge for the feeble-minded if the will.

Don't make a public sweeper of yourself by wearing trained skirts on a marketing expedition.

Don't steal any peeps at yourself in

every snow window. Once that you have dressed, forget all about it, and your simple dignity will reap its reward.—Flory F. Stoner in "Brook Book."

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WILLIAM RANDOLPH HEARST.

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THE SMALL BOYS
AND THE
WASPS' NEST.

A Story of the Railroads and
the People of NEW JERSEY.

Did you ever see half a dozen boys throwing stones at a wasps nest? Did you ever notice how brave the boys were at first—how they ran closer and closer to the nest, how they pelted it with stones and sticks, and even tried to push it off the branch of the tree where it hung?

And did you also notice how confused and helpless the wasps were at first, until they got the range of those small boys? And how confused, helpless and scared to death the small boys were the moment that the first detachment of wasps reached them?

This is the present situation politically in New Jersey.

For years the Legislature of New Jersey has been a department of the Railroad Trust. The Republican majority of the Assemblymen have been in reality railroad officials, not public officials.

In fact, the Assemblymen seemed so easy and obliging, and the people of the State seemed so indifferent and so influenced by political bosses, that the railroads, like the small boys, thought that they could throw as many stones as they pleased.

They not only refused to pay their own share of the taxes, but they tried to make the ordinary New Jersey citizens pay for local improvements that would directly benefit the railroads.

The New Jersey railroads, to give you the straight figures, pay at the present time \$2,000,000 in taxes to the State. If they were in Massachusetts they would pay \$5,000,000 on the same amount of property. If they paid taxes at the same rate that the ordinary New Jersey citizen does they would pay three times as many millions as they paid last year.

If one of these railroads cuts down wages until its men are compelled to strike, it clamors for protection. It begs for police and militia. It demands that the State authorities, elected mainly by the votes of union men, shall help it to smash the railroad men's unions.

If any depot or freight yard catches fire, it expects that the local fire department, to which it does not directly contribute one cent, shall save its buildings at the risk of firemen's lives and at the expense of the ordinary citizens in the town.

But the railroads have gone too far. They began to think that the wasps had no stings. They were not content to get a \$4,000,000 gift from the Legislature every year. They began to order every bill killed that they did not like.

"What's the use of owning a Legislature," they said, "if you cannot make good use of it?"

"This demand borders on despotism. It is absurd. It is unjust. It is monstrous!" shouted the hired lawyer of the Pennsylvania Railroad at a Legislative hearing, when it was proposed to equalize taxation.

And now the wasps have got the range of the small boys. A "Mayors' Union," with fourteen members, has been organized to fight the corporations that dominate the Legislature. It is composed of both Democrats and Republicans, and it means business.

Mayor Mark A. Fagan, of Jersey City, elected as a Republican, has written an open letter to Governor Murphy, in which he protests against the ownership of the Legislature by the railroads. He stings the solid Republican majority in the Legislature with a column of words like these:

"As a citizen, I say that this condition is dangerous and demoralizing."

"As a public official, I protest against the injustice done to Jersey City."

"As a member of the Republican party, I deplore its subservience to corporate greed and injustice."

"No political party can long receive the support of the people with such a record as this Republican Legislature is making."

The Republican party leaders have lost their grip on the rank and file in New Jersey. Every Republican wage-worker who owns a home is finding himself getting squeezed between the mortgage and the trusts, paying fifteen dollars per thousand in taxes, while the railroads are paying only five dollars per thousand.

Party lines have been broken up. The real issue, THE TRUSTS VS. THE PEOPLE, has come to the front. The wasps have found out where the stones come from!

Little Editorials for
the People.

FEDERAL EIGHT-HOUR LAW VIOLATED.

To the Editor of the BOSTON AMERICAN: Dear Sir:—I hope that you will grant space in the AMERICAN to show the public the following violation of the eight-hour law of 1902. The act makes it a misdemeanor punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, for any government contractor or subcontractor, to require or permit any laborer or workman to work more than eight hours a day.

Still, we have contractors in the Navy Yard, who are not residents of this State, who are working nine hours.

This matter has been before the proper authorities in Washington and without success. Even Senator Lodge visited over his own signature that he does not know of any law compelling contractors to work eight hours on the public works. Secretary Long said it was thought the law was being violated. It was our duty to bring the matter to the attention of the District Attorney. This was done, and all evidence given and witnesses ready to go before the Grand Jury twice, and each time it was adjourned.

If the AMERICAN can place this matter before the public in the same light it will show to the public what would the Navy Yard party be to organized labor.

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POPULAR PLAYS FOR THE PEOPLE.

"THE VILLAGE POSTMASTER."

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"Turn Harder, An' Keep Yer Mouth Shut!"

THE ETERNAL FEMINE.



HE—Is that your father going to the club?
SHE—No; I think it's the cook coming down to get breakfast!



"Who is that hideous old dowager over there?"
"That's my aunt!"
"No; I mean the one with the frightful squint!"
"That's my mother!"

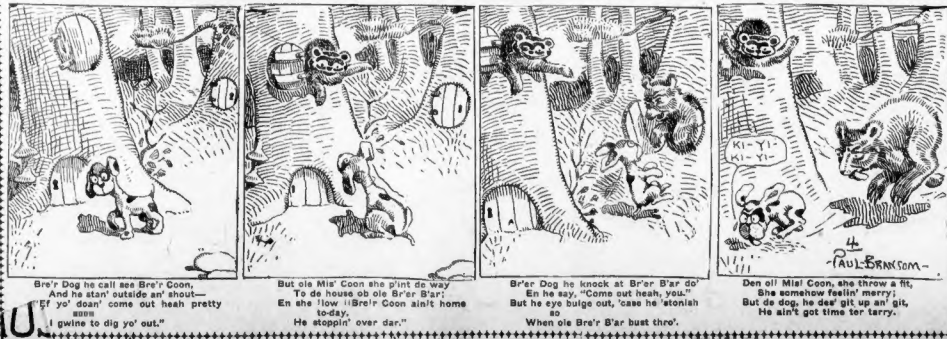


SHE—You noble, brave hero—if you hadn't seen the sign I should have been drowned.



"I read the truth in his eyes." "Don't you think, perhaps, it was a misprint?"

JUST COONS.



Br'er Dog he call see Br'er Coon,
And he start outside an' shout:
"If yo' doan' come out heah pretty soon,
I gwine to dig yo' out."

But ole Br'er Coon she p'int de way
To de house ob ole Br'er Coon
En she low "Br'er Coon ain't home today,
He stoppin' over dar."

Br'er Dog he knock at Br'er B'ar do,
En he say, "Come out heah, you."
But he gits bulge out, 'case he 'stonish at
When ole Br'er B'ar bust thro'.

Den ole Br'er Coon, she throw a fit,
She somehow feelin' merry;
But de dog, he dew g'it up an' git,
He ain't got time ter tarry.

Ella Wheeler Wilcox

Happier Lives for the People.

BY ELLA WHEELER WILCOX.

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The following poem was written for the recent entertainment of the "People's Institute Club," at Carnegie Lecture, New York City:



O, ye men, who prize of college,
And of books as deeds to hope,
Go and give the living knowledge,
Where the toiling people grope.
Like the gladiators slaying gladiators,
They are needing sun to bloom:
They are hungering for life's graces,
They are waiting light and room.
Give them something more of pleasure
Than ten-million-dollar tones
Give them work, and give them leisure,
Give them clubs and give them homes.
Open wide the door of beauty
And invite the people in—
And you'll find the paths of duty
Better filled than paths of sin.
Oh, I can't sit debating
On the issues of a creed,
With the mighty work that's waiting
And the world's tremendous need;
Brings no pennies from my purse,
While the people, people, people
Groan beneath oppression's curse.
While the tenements are reeking
With the striving, toiling poor,
Do not send your children working
Help for "heathens" to my door.
Let them see where sin carouses,
Or where nothing swallows stand;
Let them see the slaughter houses
Of the children of our land.
True reform has one beginning,
The right hand of brotherhood:
Would you help men out of stunting?
Would you lead them into good?
Would you teach that Christ has risen?
Prove it by your deeds of love.
If you want to close the prison,
Beautify the homes of earth.

Everybody Can't be Pleased.

FOR you, there's gladness in the dying,
Its sunshine and its gentle air,
And yet it brings but suffering
To younger poor old polar bear!

Undoubtedly the best and most effective wit is the kind that seems to need an introduction to itself.

If death were pictured in the shape of a pretty girl instead of a skeleton, I wonder would mankind be so afraid of death?
There is nothing that a confirmed liar will not believe.
Pickles are good, but not for Sessert.

No Criminal Trusts in New Zealand.

By Professor Frank Parsons, of the Boston Law College.

In addition to the reforms that I mentioned in my last article, New Zealand has established a number of others. A few of them are as follows:

1. Life accident and fire insurance at cost by the State.
 2. Post office savings banks.
 3. Public ownership of railways.
 4. Old-age pensions for the veterans of labor, as well as for the veterans of war.
 5. State operation of coal mines to hold down the Coal Trust.
 6. Abolition of the contract system in the construction of public works, thus doubling wages in many cases.
- In the contest for the passage of each liberal measure it was predicted that disaster would follow if it were enacted—capt. I would leave the country and other ruinous consequences would ensue, but nothing of the kind happened. Prosperity has gone hand in hand with progress, and New Zealand is to-day the richest country in the world per capita.
- Capital itself is deeply concerned with the welfare of labor, not merely from the humanitarian standpoint, but in the standpoint of financial profit. As wages rise the efficiency of labor as a rule increases in still higher ratio. No goods are so low in cost as those manufactured by high-priced labor.
- It pays the capitalist to care for and improve the machinery of steel and brass our industries employ, but it pays still better to care for and improve the human element in production, which is more important than the inanimate machinery, even on the basis of dollars and cents, to say nothing of human happiness, which is the purpose of wealth.
- We have been so busy accumulating the means of living that we have had no time to live. Our false ideas have put us in such a rush for money that we have paid little attention to the conditions of mankind. It is a matter of the wise direction of attention and vital energy.
- The United States has directed its splendid vitality to the organization of private industry. New Zealand has devoted her splendid energies to the development of civic and industrial justice. And the country that has aimed directly at the higher wealth has won in largest measure the lower, or material, wealth.
- With our grand resources and magnificent power, if we could secure a government full of the spirit of justice and devotion to the people's interest, and give our attention as a nation to the equalization of power and opportunity and the advancement of nobler institutions, we could surpass New Zealand in civic progress as much as she has surpassed us, and go a long way toward lifting the world out of the degradation of the dollar and into the civilised democracy of character intelligence.

Follicules.

BY H. R. R. HERTZBERG.

When you hear a man say: "This is my honest opinion," does it not make you wonder how many dishonest opinions he has?

Many battles have been won by running when it was the enemy who ran. Not a few men love their sweaters in silk, and their wives in calico.

Sunshine in a woman's bosom is better than a sunburnt on.

Snakes in the grass aren't nearly as dangerous as snakes in the office, or snakes in the drawing-room.

Your well-bred man has the manners of the world and a manner of his own.

It is queer, isn't it, that every one should begrudge the poor industrious prospector his living?
Show and sun form a picturesque combination until the shaft comes. The mine may be as old as the very old husband and the very young wife.

Her Sweet Tooth.

They tell of a girl of Duluth
Who and what she called a "sweet tooth."
So large did it seem
That a gallon of cream
Sufficed not to fill it, in sooth!